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1. [redacted] the Argentine Government intends to 25X1X continue its anti-American propaganda campaign, as they consider the United States to be their largest stumbling block.* Furthermore the Peron Government is convinced that this belief is justifiable, which adds to their determination to carry out their propaganda program.

2. Celso Castro, a member of the Oficina de Control del Estado (OCE), Presidential intelligence agency, stated that in the future Argentina may be compelled to modify her policy because of foreign and internal financial pressure. However, for the present, conflicting policies and principles will continue to exist openly between Argentina and the United States.

3. Jeronimo Remorino, Minister of Foreign Affairs, submitted a report to President Peron concerning the status of Argentine-United States relations. Truman, Remorino stated, announced at the start of his administration that there would be no change in policy toward Argentina. However, the present policy of the United States is to negotiate with Argentina in a correct but cold manner and with little publicity. This, Remorino concludes, is thoroughly understood but not liked by the Argentine Government.

4. There has been conjecturing in the Pink House concerning the reasons for the visits of important Brazilian officials to Washington lately.

5. Also reported is the possibility of change in the leadership of the Peronista Party. Peron is reported to be considering the appointment of certain unspecified individuals who would be more concerned with practical than theoretical aspects of government.

6. The Argentine Government reportedly plans to alley the complaints of the rising cost of living by decreeing a salary increase of 30 percent for private and government employees sometime prior to the 11 November presidential elections. Consumer prices will remain frozen until after the elections.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. It may be significant that little is being said at this time in the Pink House of friction between Argentina and the Soviet Union.

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